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Pray For The Rulers And all Those in Authority. 1 Tim. 2:1,2

MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICE

The Power of The Holy Ghost And The Pouring Out of Love That Never Fails.

MANY GOOD PEOPLE ARE LOOKING THIS WAY.

It is not so much, after all, to just get ourselves saved, as it is to get others saved. The Spirit of Jesus is that of sacrifice and looking after the interests of others more than ourselves.

Get saved of course: Get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but after this it is service. Before Jesus went away He told His disciples to tarry until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and after receiving Him they should be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. He did not tell them to form little communities and live to themselves, but they should go into all the world and be a witness unto Him.

The saints love to be together; they love to feast upon the fellowship and rich testimonies and the strong meat of the Word, but to do this all the time and not go out among the people of the world would have the appearance of selfishness rather than the spirit of sacrifice for the sake of others.

Paul, in discoursing on this subject said, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." (Phil. 2:4) This is the same as to say that we should not spend our time in looking after our own interests, but rather spend the time in looking after the interest of others. Paul continues his subject by using Jesus as an example. He says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ." Then Paul proceeds to explain how He was. He said that Jesus "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant." (Phil. 2:7.) And this agrees with His own words, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." (Matt. 20:28.) He did not come for people to wait on Him or look after His interests, but He came to wait on others and look after their interests.

Starting in this new year we want to think about how we can render more effective service in the Master's great harvest field, rather than giving too much time in trying to become purer and better fitted for heaven ourselves. This statement is in harmony with the teaching of Jesus where He gave the following instructions: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 16:24,25.) Here is a plain statement that teaches more effective service. Service to others, and not service to self or for selfish interests.

I have been troubled many times to find some of the Lord's children who had been filled with the Holy Ghost, discouraged and down cast and begging for prayers for themselves. Of course it is the duty of those who are strong to support the weak, but surely if these discouraged ones would try to devise some plan to help others, and put forth all their effort in that direction there

would be no time for discouragement, and but little need of calling for prayers for themselves. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

The man or woman that is all the time wanting the blessings to come to them and never try to bless others will grow lank and lean in their souls amidst all the prayers that may be prayed for them. On the other hand the man or woman that is constantly trying to help others will scarcely ever ask anybody to pray for them. They get the blessing because they help others. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive.

A story is told of a gentleman who was attending a revival meeting and was putting forth every effort possible to get blessed himself, but all in vain. He claimed to be a Christian and was living a very good life, but he was not happy and joyous like he thought a Christian ought to be. So he was trying to get over on the joy side so he could truly rejoice and be glad. But all his efforts proved vain and a failure. One morning a neighbor who was attending the meeting, and who was very poor in this world's goods, came to this gentleman and wanted to purchase a small piece of meat and wished to pay for it after the meeting was over and he could get time to work to get the money. He said, "I need the benefits of the meeting and if you will trust me I will pay it all." The kind hearted gentleman was going to sell him the meat on credit, but while he was taking down the piece of meat to cut off a small piece it occurred to him that as he had plenty and his neighbor had none he would just give him a small piece. But when he started to cut off the piece he suddenly turned the knife and split the piece of meat in the middle and gave him half of the nice large side, commonly called midding. A few words passed and the poor man thanked the gentleman and went to his home. At the meeting that day the gentleman that gave the meat arose to testify and ask for prayer as usual that he might be blest and made happy in the Lord, when suddenly the blessing fell upon him and all he was heard to say as he shouted about over the house, shaking hands and rejoicing was, "If you want to get blest split a midding, if you want to get blest split a midding." Of course no one knew what he meant but the poor man that received the gift. But the gentleman got blest by giving the half side of meat to the poor man.

This is just as true in serving others in other ways as it is in giving food. Leading souls to Christ is one of the happiest experiences of life. Give them your prayers. Give them your love. Give them your assistance any way you can, and when you have been successful in getting the seeker to God and the blessings of God are poured into him, He does not forget your "labor of love," but likewise pours blessings into your soul. Although your service may

have been effective, you may be able to do more effective service this year. I'm sure it is needed. Work hard for the Lord and do more effective service for Him this year than in any previous year. When you are about to ask for prayers go and kneel down and pray for others. When you feel yourself growing weak in spirit go to working to help others and see how the strength and blessing will come into your own soul.

We want to be an army of workers serving the Master in His vineyard faithfully instead of an army of weaklings all the time calling for help. The Church of God is to bless the world and not merely bless ourselves.

But how can we render more effective service to our Master we love so well? By the power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of love that never fails. Do you know that the Holy Ghost will help you when you try to help others, when He will remain quiet and not appear to be with you at all when you do nothing but look after your own spiritual or temporal interests? You may remember that Paul instructed Timothy to stir up the the Holy Ghost that was within him. No doubt you have often felt that you wanted Him to manifest Himself in you. Then following the above analogy the way to get Him to manifest Himself in you is to work for the salvation of others. Do service for Him. Why should you expect Him to pay you in blessings when you do nothing that deserves any pay? I once heard a dear brother tell why he was always happy. He said, "I keep pouring in." How true this is! The happiest people on earth are those who are filled with the Holy Ghost and are constantly engaged in His service and scarcely ever stop to think of their own interests.

A dear brother once said in answer to an inquiry: "What am I doing? To be sure, I am out in the work of the Lord." The questioner supposed he was holding meetings, or engaged in some manner in revival work. "Well, where did you have your last meeting, and what were the results?" "Oh," he said, "I am not a preacher, I am not in revival work, I work at home. I am a farmer. I raise cattle, hogs, corn and wheat, but this is all the work of the Lord. You see, I labor all the day happy as a lark because I am rendering

effective service for my Lord. I work and toil and pay Him a tithe of all my increase and I am careful to make good substantial offerings besides. I always attend Sunday school on Sunday morning and ready to give my testimony in the prayer meeting and when the revival comes on I am ready to work in the altar and pray for others."

The above is the substance of the conversation, and that young farmer lived that kind of a life of service until his death. I spent many hours in prayer with him and the memory of his effective service is sweet to me yet although he departed this life about twenty years ago.

The more effective service may not always mean preaching or working in meetings, it may be in the field, in the shop, in the mill, in the factory, in the foundry or behind the counter or any other honorable business or employment. But if you toil hard and pay your tithes promptly and free-will offerings besides it will count. And if you are able to make more tithes and give larger offerings this year you will be rendering more effective service. But the power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of love that never fails are not to be ignored.

While you are filled with the Holy Ghost and talk in tongues you need to be saturated with the divine love of God until you will pour it out upon every one you meet. Love that melts the hardest heart! Love that never fails! The people need love, and who will love them if we do not? They will have no body to love them in hell, and if they are determined to go to hell we ought to make things as pleasant for them in this world as we can. Pour it out upon them whether we talk to them much or not. We can love and not talk. They might resent talk and put up an argument against you, but when you pour out that silent unseen love upon them it will mellow them and they will not know where it comes from.

Give love a chance and let it work and it will always win. It matters not whether you are a preacher or a farmer, a housewife or a toiler, you need the power of the Holy Ghost and a supply of love to pour out upon those you meet and mingle with. This will enable you to render the more effective service. The power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of love that never fails will enable you to do more effective service for the Master than

matter what your vocation may be.

Many good people are looking this way, and it is the power of the Holy Ghost and love that is attracting them. They feel it in our meetings. They feel it in the paper as it flies over this lost world. They see it in our lives as they come in contact with us. They recognize it in the name—The Church of God. The hand shakes tell it. The eyes sparkle with it. It is like the vapor that rises from the water or moist earth as the rays of sunlight shine upon it. We are to be the "watered garden," moist and beautiful, and as the love of God shines upon us the love must rise from us and settle on others like the dew upon the grass.

True, the more love we have the more effective will our service be. The many good people that are looking this way must be loved. Indeed, they are loved. And our love must not stop there, we must also love those who are not so good. We are to love those that misunderstand us, and by misunderstanding us misrepresent us. Love them right on and look over what might appear to be a direct insult. But a full case of love will scarcely know an insult nor be offended. Love will preserve one in time of deep and sore distress. Then the people that do not possess this love need to have it poured out upon them by those that are saturated with it. Let us be filled with it, as a whole, that it will rise from us in one great column like a pillar of smoke and settle on the people of the world with such weight that it will affect them.

It is our purpose to extend a hand of love toward all those who are looking this way. And as they draw nearer and nearer we want them to feel the effects of the power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of love that never fails. As I write my heart yearns for those who do not know. My very soul seems drawn out toward those that do not understand us and misrepresent us. I am sure there would be less misrepresentation if there was a more thorough understanding.

But it is not surprising that we are misunderstood and misrepresented for Jesus was misunderstood and misrepresented. If our great Head had such to bear, no surprise that His body—the Church—should have the same experience. But He went through and attracted both friend and enemy and loved both classes. Many of those who were once His enemies turned around and became His friends. Many who have been enemies to the great Church of God are now housed within its warm embrace. Many who once tried to destroy it are now bravely defending its sacred doctrine. This is encouraging, and they were won by love.

We may have the doctrine, which we certainly have, but it is not altogether the doctrine that wins. We may be able to prove conclusively by our sound teaching, which is perfectly all right for us to do, but after all, it is love that wins. While we are teaching we must pour out love upon them. Love does not intentionally cause any pain, but when people find out they are loved when they feel they do not deserve it, it nearly kills them and breaks their hearts.

When Saul of Tarsus, who had been doing everything he could to waste and destroy the Church of God, was visited by Ananias and

the first thing he heard when Ananias arrived was, "Brother Saul," no doubt it melted him down more than ever. It was probably the first time in life he had been called "brother," after that fashion. And this by one of the very men probably that he had started to Damascus to arrest, handcuff, and drag off to prison. But Ananias was filled with love and ready to "brother" his bitterest enemy at the very first opportunity.

This is the spirit of Christ. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34.) I have before me a leaflet that has been circulated by some body to poison people against the Church. One sentence reads thus: "We denounce the so-called Church of God which advocates handling snakes, fire, hot stoves, and hot lamp chimneys, and join this Church for more light and gifts, and teaches that is the only Church." The only thing we have to do is to pour out a great sluice of love upon the authors, and some time when they see their mistake we can lovingly and tenderly take them by their hand and call them "brother." As I write these few words a deeper love seems to take possession of my spirit. While they denounce, we love. While they warn the people against us, we love. While they accuse and misrepresent, we love. The power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of love that never fails will win in the face of every foe.

We want the people that are looking this way to know that it is our purpose to maintain the standard laid down in the Bible, but while we are doing this we intend to pour out as much love upon the world as we can. To do this we must bathe in it ourselves until we are saturated and charged with it so it will be above everything else. This will make us able to do more effective service for our Master. This will preserve us when nothing else will. This is what the world is starving for and this is what we want to feed them.

It is not our purpose to ignore the gifts, the signs, the graces nor the government and, as some have wanted to do, have nothing but love, but with the whole Word of God we want the infilling and pouring out of love that never fails. The whole thing combined will bring the more effective service, and cause the multitudes to not only look this way, but also come this way and join the great army to spread the glorious gospel of Jesus in its fullness all over the world. And this is our mission. God has raised us up for this purpose. I do not know of a people on earth that embraces the whole Word of God with all the signs, gifts, graces, government and love, combined with conversion, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost but the people known as the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

We do not claim to have reached perfection in demonstrating the signs, gifts, graces and government, and displaying the love of God, but we are earnestly striving toward the goal. We are doing what Jude tells us to do, "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

As we go on, having the power of the Holy Ghost and the pouring out of the love that never fails, we will be able to render more effective service from year to year, and thus we hope for this to be the greatest year for God and His Church that we have ever known. Hallelujah!

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Steps are being taken to boost the Evangel in both Georgia and Florida. Hope other states will take it up and not let those two states get to far ahead.

Every member of the church should read the Evangel. Inaugurate a campaign to this end in every church. If any are too poor to pay the subscription price we will pay half if the church or others will pay the other half and mention this offer with the order.

The time to be true is when the test is on. Any body can stand when there is no trial or opposition. Take courage, my brother, dear brother Job stood firm even when his wife tried to get him to curse God and die. Do not let Job be better than you.

G. M. D. Rowland, of Spencer, Tenn., was with us over last Sunday. He is firm in the faith and doing his best in the home mission work about Mont Eagle, Tenn. He visits from house to house, distributes tracts and does personal work for the Master. Although he is past his "three score and ten," he is full of energy and the Holy Ghost.

I am delighted with the overseers because they are all taking so much interest in the great work of God and bent on being loyal to the Assembly. God will honor and bless them for their untiring efforts and energy in the service of His great and wonderful church.

The pastors and clerks at a number of churches are asking us to assist them in finding their members. We take pleasure in doing what we can to help them, but I wish to remind them that if each church will follow the instructions of the Assembly this will be avoided and the members will not be lost.

Received a nice quilt for the Bible school this week from the church at Sonoraville, Ga. Very many thanks for this token of love for the Bible school. May the dear Lord greatly bless the donors.

For some time we have seen the need of a fund to provide help for the sick and to bury the dead, but for the last three months the need has shown itself much more. Why should there be any objections to creating a fund so we can take care of our sick and dead? Of course we believe in divine healing, but there comes a time when all sick and die and it will be so until Jesus comes.

We are much pleased to hear of the out pourings of the Holy Ghost in many places quite recently. The revival spirit is breaking out a fresh and many are being swept through to the baptism, always talking in tongues when the Holy Ghost comes in.

Notice.

I would like to know of the whereabouts of the following names, also their spiritual condition. Imda Whitmire, Tom McDarral, Martha McDarral, Ruby McDarral and Cecil Matthey.

Your brother in Christ, Emory D. Edmondson, clerk, Dahlonga, Ga.

Sylacauga, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

The Lord is wonderfully working. Four have received the Holy Ghost recently. The opposing power is very great here, but God is with us.

We would be glad for some workers who are on fire for God to come here. Sister Josie Burden has been faithful while here. She has had a great influence over the people, but she feels a call to go elsewhere so we must be satisfied. God will surely send us some one else.

I can truly rejoice now for I have been wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ, Annie Muncher.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for Jesus. I am so thankful that I ever found Jesus. I went to Hickory Flat and heard Brother Arthur Fortner preach, and was saved in his meeting. Praise His dear name!

I am trusting the Lord with soul and body. I had the influenza and the Lord healed me.

I praise God because I am a member of the great Church of God. I pay my tithes and the Lord is blessing me in every way.

Pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your humble brother looking for the soon coming of Jesus, F. O. Turner.

Teloché, France.

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel.

I praise the Lord for what He is to me. Five years ago He said to me, "Son give me thine heart." I am so glad that I did not reject Him or put Him off

until a more convenient time, but began to search the Scriptures.

I noticed in Mark 16:16. "He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved." Is that all? No. Jesus, "suffered without the gate," that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. Is that all? No, I read where Jesus commanded the disciples to "tarry until they were endued with power from on high," and where "He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up his hands and blessed them." "And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy." In Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." And many other Scriptures referring to this wonderful experience which I have not time or space to mention. I am a member of the dear old Church of God at Mt. Olive, Blasley Co.

Your humble brother,
Mech Darius Bancroft.
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American E.F. France.

The Sick Healed.

While the Lord has been allowing others to go through trials, we, also, have been among the number.

Wife and I came here to father's in August, and for the last ten weeks, we have all shared the knowledge of Divine healing. We have had fifteen cases of influenza, two cases of pneumonia and three cases of mumps.

At one time there were five cases of influenza, two cases of pneumonia and one case of mumps. It fell my lot to nurse these besides the household duties ingeneral, but the Lord was always near.

Among those sick were my wife and our five weeks old baby. While wife was suffering intensely with pneumonia, she would often speak of being ready to go and that she was tired of waiting. She spoke of a great white company, which was coming for her and asked me if I saw them.

As I listened to her and looked at our little one, it was then as never before that I realized what it meant to trust God all the way. But praise God! He has healed.

Many do not understand how it all happened and have questioned, but the sick is healed, for which we praise Him. The severe tests draw us closer to God.

We certainly praise God for what He has done for us, and He will do the same for others.

Your humble servant,
Perry W. Haddock.

Notice.

To the churches in Mississippi:

I will be at Mt. Moriah—Eupora church, on Jan. 16 to 19, Mt. Olive—Tomlinson church 20, 21, Hardy—Tilghman's chapel 22, 23, Stonefield Jan. 24-26, Friendship Jan 27—Feb. 2, Gatewood Feb. 3-5, Pates Temple Feb. 6-9.

I hope to meet all the saints, both ministers and members, at these places. May God bless you all my dear brothers and sisters, I love you every one.

Pray for your brother in Christ, E. B. Culpepper, Overseer of Miss.

Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Jessie and I are in the Home Mission work, and we are doing our best. The dear Lord is blessing our efforts.

We had a good meeting at Mountain City, Ga., it was one that will be long remembered.

The dear Lord has been so good to me, He has brought my eyes back together and I can see as good as I ever did.

We leave here for parts unknown. Pray much for us.

W. A. Capshaw.

Sonoraville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad:

As I look back over the year of 1918, I realize that I have done such a little for God. I am determined to do more for God in 1919 than ever before.

I spent the Christmas holidays in visiting the saints and we had some wonderful feasts together. One sister was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She shouted and talked in tongues for more than one hour.

Truly, I am encouraged to press on. Some time we will have won our last battle then we will receive our reward. I see the dear old Church of God as never before. Jesus is getting her ready for His coming. May God help each member to be loyal and true in every way.

Pray for me that I may obey God in all things.

Florida Brown.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise for what the dear Lord has been doing in our midst. Meeting has been going on for more than three weeks at Mt. Sinai. Fourteen have received the Holy Ghost, several have been reclaimed and yet there are seekers.

I am one of the number which was reclaimed and I praise God because He was merciful to me. Something over two years ago I received the Holy Ghost, but I became careless and wandered away from God, but I praise the Lord because He heard and answered prayer and I am again one of His children.

Dear reader, if you have once enjoyed the blessing of the Holy Ghost and have wandered away from God, don't stop until you have again found favor in His sight. Fast and pray until your prayer is heard. God will not turn you away.

I thank God for sending Brother Jesse Danehower to us. He is a faithful worker. May God bless him in winning souls.

Please pray for me that I may grow stronger.

Your sister waiting and watching for the coming of Jesus,
I. L. Morgan.

Crandall, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise for what the Lord has done for me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I am a member of the Church of God. Praise His name!

I want to go deeper each day. Pray for me that I may stay low at His feet.

Your brother,
Claud Rogers.

Max Meadows, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Every day seems brighter.

I want the saints to please pray a special prayer for my husband that he may be healed of fits. I know that God is able.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Preston Manuel.

Report.

Brother and Sister Aylor have just closed a meeting here at Cortez with victory.

The Lord blessed wonderfully. Many were encouraged and some saved, and one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. One sister was wonderfully healed.

We had a watch-night meeting. The Lord was truly with us in partaking of the Lord's supper and washing the saints feet. Two came into the church.

We have a band here that is pressing on toward heaven.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. B. A. Carter.

Jacksonville, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the love of Jesus, and praise Him for His loving kindness and mercy to me. How I do praise Him for showing me the way of holiness.

I am saved and sanctified and my heart is hungering for all that God has for me. I love the Church of God, and the saints of God.

I enjoy reading the Evangel every week. I desire the prayers of all the saints that wife and I may stand true to God, also pray for the little band here at Jacksonville.

God bless the Church of God in general.

Your brother in Jesus,
H. P. Davidson.

Cherryville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name.

I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and by the grace of God I intend to be faithful until Jesus comes or calls.

The Lord is blessing here. Six have received the Holy Ghost, and six or seven added to the church.

I want to be a soul-winner. It will never do for us to sit idle. I must do something for the Master.

Please help me to pray that my husband may be sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

Your humble sister,
Mrs. Minnie Lee Newton.

Report.

The latter rain is falling in Paris, Texas. Many are getting wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and of course they spoke in tongues as Acts 2:4.

The power is falling in a wonderful way. The sick are getting healed. Some lay all night under the mighty power of God. Many are coming into the dear old Church of God. The entire church at this place is on fire for God. We don't know how long the meeting may continue, we only want God's will to be done.

Dear saints, I feel new courage burning in my soul to go "over the top" in soul-winning for Jesus in 1919.

Your brother in the battle for Jesus and lost souls,
W. G. Webb.

Dahlonga, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and all the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the Lord this morning for His wonderful love and power. I praise His dear name that ever learned to trust Him. He has been so good to me.

I desire the prayers of the saints, that I may be healed and receive greater blessings from God.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Forrest.

Lake City, S. C.

Dear Evangel Family:

The dear Lord has wonderfully blessed me in the past year. I was not in the evangelistic work as much as I have been, but the Lord has dealt sweetly with me. I am expecting to be out in the work of the Lord this year.

There are some good people at this place, but they know nothing about the Church of God. This is a good place for a meeting. I held my first meeting here eighteen years ago, and some of the dear ones have stood true until now.

Brother Cross will find a hearty welcome in homes at Lake City.

A few at this place are reading the Evangel and are learning about the Church of God.

Please pray for me that I may be a soul-winner. May God bless each one.

Your sister,
Sallie O. Lee.

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Notice.

I would like to hear from the members of the Churches of God at Dora and Empire, Ala., who live at a distance from either place. I want to know your spiritual condition, and if you are still striving to go deeper with the Lord.

I want to be a blessing to every member of these churches.

The Pastor,
Luther A. Richard.

Biltmore, N. C.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We want to express a few words of thanks to our Lord that has so wonderfully kept and blest us up to this time. God has wonderfully stood by us.

We have almost completed our church at this place. We intend to have services it in the near future.

We earnestly covet your prayers that God will use us to His glory.

E. C. Smith and Wife.

Mome Mission Receipts.

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" Red Oak Grove, Tenn.,	1 04
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Fred Taylor, Bahamas,	0 75
Wm. R. Franks, " "	3 00
Church, Sweetwater, Tenn.,	0 28
" Campaign, Tenn.,	2 35
" McMinnville, Tenn.,	2 40
H. B. Helton, Pikeville, Tenn.,	0 86
Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.,	0 70
A. C. Brawner, Washington, D. C.,	10 00
Church, Dahlonga, Ga.,	1 15
" Branford, Fla.,	2 96
" Alva, Fla.,	0 60

OBITUARIES

On December 2, 1918, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister W. C. Helton, of Copperhill, Tenn., and claimed their little four-year-old boy. He was a lovely little fellow and was loved by all who knew him. He was ill about four or five days with scarlet fever and influenza. The parents were willing for God's will to be done, although it broke their hearts to give up their little darling.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and the little body was laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery at this place.

The bereaved ones have our heartfelt sympathy, but we know they have hopes of meeting Verlin again.

T. A. Richard.

Lelah Alice, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casto, died at the home of her parents, South 8th St., Marietta, Ohio, December 17, 1918, from the effects of a burn which she received about three weeks ago. She was two years, ten months and fourteen days old. She leaves to mourn her death, a father, mother, three sisters, grandparents and other relatives and a host of friends. Lelah will be missed not only in her home but in her Sunday school room, as she was always present.

Funeral service was conducted at the Church of God by the pastor, Brother E. S. Peck, and burial was made at Burnt Hill, W. Va.

A darling one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast;
There by His love overshadowed,
Sweetly her soul will rest.

Mrs. Leata Willford.

On December 24, 1918, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister William Gist, of Evansville, Ind., and claimed their little son, Joseph Allen. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Johns, and the remains were laid to rest in Locust Hill cemetery to await the resurrection day.

Rose M. Palmiter.

The wife of Brother Lon Ruiser, of Doerum, Ga., departed this life, December 17, 1918. We know that our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, ten children and many friends.

John Hampton.

On December 13, 1918, the death angel visited my home and called for my wife after she had suffered about eighteen months. She was a faithful member of the Church of God and fully trusted the Lord. Many times the saints were called in to pray, but God in His wisdom saw best to take our beloved wife and mother. She told us that she was ready to go. She leaves to mourn her death, myself, four children and many friends. We know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Ricketts at the Church of God at Saddy, Tenn., and the remains were laid to rest at the Presbyterian cemetery to await the resurrection.

Her husband,
Charlie Mitchell.

On December 17th, the death angel visited our circle and carried the soul of Brother Biggs, of Piedmont, Ala., from earth to glory. He was almost eighty-one years old. He has been a Christian for several years, and about three years ago, he and his wife received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. While he was dying he praised the Lord. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is heaven's gain.

He leaves to mourn his death a

wife, three daughters, one son and a host of friends.

The bereaved ones have our sympathy in this lonely hour.

One who loved him,
W. C. Walker.

Brother Willie Brookshear departed this life October 9, 1918, according to news received from France. He was sent to the camps and then on to France where he died of meningitis.

Brother Willie was a child of the King, and a faithful member of the Church of God. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, father, mother, one sister, several brothers and other relatives and a host of friends.

The bereaved ones have our sympathy in this hour of sorrow, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we expect to meet Brother Willie where parting is no more.

One who loved Him,
W. F. G.

On December 11, 1918, God in His great wisdom saw fit to call dear Brother Bruno Burger home to heaven. He was returning home from Wisconsin where he became very ill with pneumonia. He only lived eight days after reaching Zolfo. He was true to God to the end.

Brother Burger was a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God. He will be greatly missed here for he always attended the services when he was home. He carried a bright and sunny countenance, and it was a pleasure to meet him. We know he is in heaven with the faithful ones who have gone on before.

His pastor,
Mrs. Beulah B. Ladd.

Sister Mary Perry, of Palestine, Ark., aged seventeen years, departed this life November 26, 1918. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God at Cherry Valley, Ark.

Sister Mary was obedient in life and also in death. She trusted God until the last. While dying she said she saw angels hovering around her. Before she died she called her brother to her and asked him to give his life to God.

Oh, for a life lived that even in death we can forget ourselves in the interest of others. Surely this is the life of Christ.

She leaves to mourn her loss a mother, father, three sisters, two brothers, many other relatives, and a host of friends.

W. A. McMickle.

My son, Carl, was seriously injured in a cotton gin October 10, 1918. His arms were so broken and mangled that one of them had to be amputated just below the shoulder. He bore the pains without a groan. He was very patient during all his suffering. We prayed earnestly for him, but God saw fit to take him.

We miss Carl so much. He was so devoted to us. He was only eighteen years old and of a happy, sunny disposition. He had a smile for every one.

He leaves to mourn his death, a mother, four brothers and one sister.

His mother,
Mary Weeks.

Sister Zena Amen, of Tampa, Fla., was called home to heaven December 7, 1918. She leaves to mourn her death a husband and five children. She has been a patient sufferer for several months. In her dying hour she asked for the song, "Sing and Preach Holiness," to be sung and she then said, "That is my testimony."

At one time Sister Amen scorned holiness and said that the people were trash, but God convicted her and she saw that holiness was right, and she listened to the voice of God, fell in line and ever after lived a faithful and devout Christian life and

was a loyal member of the Church of God.

I visited her during her last illness and asked her if she was still trusting God, and her face lighted up as she said, "Yes, praise the Lord, I couldn't think of anything else." She seemed to realize that her time had come to go, and she answered the call.

The dear bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy, especially her dear old sainted mother, Mrs. Kersey.

At the request of the departed one, the writer conducted the funeral service at the Church of God at this place.

F. J. Lee.

Clearwater, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints—Greetings.

I want to sound a note of praise to our King for victory in my soul, and for the way He was with us at Tucker, Fla., in our holiday meeting. In spite of the bad weather we had a good meeting. Four were baptized with the Holy Ghost, some saved, some sanctified, four baptized in water and ten were added to the Church of God.

Brother Ernest Simmons was with us on Saturday night and Sunday. He did the baptizing and administered the Lord's supper and feet-washing.

The folks at Tucker are certainly happy and free.

Among the number that received the Holy Ghost were two Italian brothers. One of them could neither talk nor understand our language, but Brother Brignols, an Italian who has the Holy Ghost and belongs to the Church of God, walked to church with him and told his experience in his own language. After they arrived at the meeting a sermon was delivered but he only understood three words of it. When the altar call was made, he arose and went to the altar. He said it was as if some one was pushing him to the altar. We are praying that God will make this brother a wonderful worker among his own people.

Our Brother Brignols was very much undecided as to tithing. One night he prayed very earnestly that God would show him what he should do. Very soon he went to sleep and dreamed that his father came to him and started to whip him. He enquired why he was to be whipped, and his father told him that he had stolen some money from him. He told his father that he had not stolen any money from him, and his father said "yes, you have stolen \$20.40." He said "I will give you \$10.00," but his father would not accept that and started to whip him so he said he would pay it all. Then he awoke and he counted up his income since the Lord had blessed him and his tithes were \$20.40. So Brother Brignols says he now expects to pay tithes besides his free-will offerings.

If others would pray more about paying their tithes, I am sure they would soon be giving the Lord what belongs to Him.

Your unworthy sister,
Lula L. Jones.

Shouns, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I feel like writing a few words of praise to God for what He has done for us. Bless His name! I want to praise Him for everything. He is so good to us.

We had the influenza, two of our children were at death's door, but the Lord healed eight of us. I promised the Lord that if He would heal us, that I would tell it. I don't know a better way to tell it than through our little paper. It surely pays to trust the Lord.

There are no saints here. We need your prayers. Pray for us.

Your sister,
Maud Barney.

OH SIN, WHAT HAST THOU DONE?

MARY HOWELL.

Thou hast saddened homes, broken hearts, filled thousands of early graves, violated laws, shut up thousands in prison, hanged many on trees, filled jails and asylums to their utmost capacity, made homes childless, destroyed life before birth, caused divisions, brought wars, bloodshed and tears. Thou art polluting hell with teeming millions.

There is no thing so destructive as sin. Thou dost bring death to the soul, disease to the body, sorrow to the heart and gray hairs to the heads of broken-hearted parents. Yet for all this, men love thee, cherish thee and hug thee to their breast and say "we can't live without thee." Thou art a monster among men, but an abomination in the sight of God. Thou art a shame to humanity, a curse to all nations and a stench in the nostrils of God. There is no way of describing thy horrors.

Dear reader, think seriously of this.

THE CIGARETTE.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said the cigarette, "but I can add to the youth's nervous troubles. I can subtract from his physical energy. I can multiply his aches and pains. I can divide his mental powers. I can take interest from his work, and discount his chances for success."

Notice to Alabamians.

My Dear Brethren in the ministry and church officials—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I have been wanting to see you all and talk to you personally; but that will be impossible almost. So I will just write you all a personal letter in the Evangel. First, I want to thank all of you who have been prompt in your duties to the church and assembly in sending in your reports to headquarters monthly.

This is very important as it enables us to keep in touch with you and your work. Furthermore it shows you have an interest in the great work of the Church of God.

I am sure you feel that your future standing as a minister or officer in the church depends upon the interest you have taken in this matter. In this you have highly commended yourselves to those who have the oversight of the work, and I am sure it has been well-pleasing to our Heavenly Father. May His richest blessings rest upon each of you! Oh! how I wish I could say a word of praise about every one; but I can't.

Quite a number of ministers and officials have failed to comply with the requirements of the assembly. I take this opportunity of reminding you of your obligation and duties you owe to the great Church of God. I hope this reminder will be sufficient; but if not it becomes my duty to make investigations. When this is done you will have to give satisfactory reasons for not complying with the requirements of the assembly.

If I should fail in this I would subject myself to investigation. Remember the assembly holds me responsible for any failure on my part just the same as you, so let us all walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called. Ministers, remember you are to pay tithes to your church where your membership is, on all your income from any secular source. Treasurers, remember you are to report to headquarters any Bishop, Deacon, or Evangelist who does not pay tithes on his income from any other source than the tithes he receives from the local treasuries which has already been tithed by you and sent to headquarters.

Brother preachers, we are to

set the example, and if we don't, we will have to surrender our position as a minister in the church.

Let all stay in their places and work faithfully together and make this the best year for Alabama.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis.

Chokoloskee, Fla.

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising the Lord this morning for His wonderful saving and keeping power.

I am so glad of the plan of salvation that keeps us above sin and the devil.

I praise God because the love of the world has been taken out of my heart, and the one great desire of my life now is to see people accepting salvation.

God is still blessing the saints at Chokoloskee, Fla. The little flock is getting together. Brother Simmons has been holding some meetings for us.

The meeting began Tuesday evening and will probably close Sunday night. The power of God fell last night. Sinners were convicted; backsliders reclaimed, and several in the altar. One man said he had made up his mind never to seek the Lord again, but when the power fell he soon changed his mind, and in a short time was shouting and telling what wonderful things the Lord had showed him.

Brother Fonsa Lopez and wife, also Sister Ida Lopez returned Monday, from down the coast where they had been holding a ten-day's meeting in a Catholic neighborhood. One old man who had been a Catholic for thirty-five years was saved. He had been burning a light of insense for months, his light is out now, and he is sending up prayers to the throne of grace. Glory to Jesus! It seems to me the end is drawing near when we see the Word of God being fulfilled.

I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere, that I may draw closer to God, until Jesus comes, or calls.

Your sister,
Ellen Lopez.

Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for victory in my soul, and for the Holy Ghost that abides, also for the go through spirit I feel.

Eleven months ago God sent Brother and Sister Haynes, and Brother Martin here, with the true Word of God, and we accepted it with gladness. The church was set in order at that time. This stirred the devil, but it was like fighting prairie fire the more the devil raged the more God manifested His power.

The building was shaken, fire seen, and other manifestations of the presence of God. Five members added to the church recently. We have a large hall, and good attendance at services. Dear readers when you read this please join us in prayer for a great revival at Toledo.

I preached at Fostoria, last Sunday and the church needs a pastor. If there is any one that wants to be on the firing line for God this is a good opening.

Pray that the Lord may have His way in my life, and that I may be a blessing to the church, and to lost souls.

Your brother in the body of Christ,

Allen J. Berry.

Notice.

If there is any Church of God, Holiness, or Pentecostal work in Hattiesburg, Jackson, Natchez, Vicksburg, or Meridian, Miss., that would like to have Church of God ministers for revival work and for the betterment of the cause of Christ, please write to E. B. Culpepper, overseer of Miss., or R. C. Price, evangelist, Morgantown, Miss.

Kimberly, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I do love Jesus for the way He keeps me. I was at death's door but God raised me up to stay here a little while longer, for which I do thank Him.

I have two dear little children. I ask every saint that reads this to please pray for me that I may train them in the way they should go, and "when they are old they will not depart from it."

I can not walk without crutches, but thank God that it is no worse. I know God is able to make me whole, though I have not been able to trust Him as I want to. I do know that God is able to heal me without a dose of medicine. I ask every saint to pray for my little boy, who has spasms when he has fever. Pray that the Lord will heal him.

I long to see my home a home of prayer, when every member can pray. I am glad that I can feel that power that quickens these mortal bodies of ours. I thank God for the saints at this place, who have held me up in their prayers. I know there is some true gold here.

I love the Church of God, and want to be a loyal member.

I want to do more for God than ever before.

Your sister in Christ,
Julia Johnson.

Plattsburg, N. Y.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints of God:

I thank God for every blessing He has given me. I thank Him for saving me from my sins, and sanctifying me with the blood of Jesus.

After staying a while in France, I returned to New York City the second of December, and praise Him for a safe journey.

Saints, remember me in your prayers. Pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost, that I may go on to perfection, and that I will do anything the Lord wants me to do.

Would be glad to correspond with any of the saints.

Your brother in Jesus,
Will V. Swinell.
U. S. Gen. Hospital No. 30.

Sylacauga, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Christmas, December 25, 1918, was a wonderful day to me, for I received the Holy Ghost and I am shouting the victory. Glory to God!

My dear mother is a holiness fighter and I want to ask each one to pray a special prayer for her that she may see the light.

Pray for me that I may grow stronger in the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,
Bettie Brown.

Monarat, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I would like to offer a word of praise for what the Lord has done for us.

I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I have had this wonderful experience about four years. I did not start to go back, but feel like pressing on and doing all I can for Jesus. He has done so much for me.

I feel that He has called me to the ministry, though I feel very weak. Dear saints, I feel that we must press the battle harder than ever before, for Satan has great power in these last days. God has power over him and will give us power to overcome him, if we follow Jesus, the one that conquered death, hell and the grave. Praise God! Dear saints, let us pray that God will give us a world-wide revival.

Pray for me.

Your unworthy brother,
E. J. Hanks.

WISDOM.

J. A. GIDDENS

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

James gives us to understand that there are two kinds of wisdom. One is "earthly, sensual, devilish." The other from above "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy, and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." (Jas. 3:12-17.)

The definition James gives us here is a very good definition of full salvation.

Solomon tells us, "wisdom is the principal thing." Prov. 4:7. Job 28:28 says, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."

While all these definitions are true and good, yet there is an important characteristic in wisdom not brought out in any of these. I think it is comprehended in the words of Jesus, where He exhorts, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16.

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made." Gen. 3:1. The serpent is the type of the devil. "The dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan." Rev. 20:2.

He is among the wisest, if not the wisest of created beings. His wisdom far exceeds that of any human being in the natural unregenerate state. But the wisdom of God is greater, and He can impart that wisdom to us, so that we may understand the "wiles of the devil." Praise God!

Paul said "We are not ignorant of his devices." Peter exhorts, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He can also transform himself into an angel of light. "Lying in wait to deceive," and he has numerous agents, "For many deceivers are gone out into the world."

It is a sad fact that many of us are lacking in the wisdom that would enable us to discern the devices of the devil. When we become conscious of our lack, we had best follow the injunction of the Apostle James, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all liberally, and up reproveth not, and it shall be given him."

It has been said (and no doubt is true,) that "Satan never goes on a vacation." He sometimes withdraws "for a season," as in the case of the temptation of our Lord in the wilderness.

There are certain times when we especially need to be on our guard. I will mention some of them.

When one has had special visions, and revelations from the Lord, there will be a temptation to feel a little puffed up or exalted, for I do not suppose any of us are in advance of the Apostle Paul and he was thus tempted: "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure." 2 Cor. 12:7.

And again, when one has been signally used of God, they should watch out for "itching ears."

I read of an incident which took place at a Camp meeting. A certain preacher who is still living tells the story in one of his books of his own life. Soon after he arrived at the camp, he was put up to preach. He enjoyed great liberty, and preached with power, and was much complimented. Immediately the temptation came to not preach any more during the meeting, lest he be in danger of losing his laurels, and the only way he saw out of the difficulty was to leave.

So he was soon on his way (in spite of the persuasion of his brethren that he remain) with "the feather in his cap."

Shortly after his arrival home, some domestic trouble arose and he lost his temper. "Lo! the mighty had fallen."

We will call attention to an incident recorded in the Bible where serious results immediately followed a great victory. After the death of Solomon, the twelve tribes were divided between Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, and Jeroboam, the son of Nebat. Neither of them were righteous, but Jeroboam had the reputation of being exceedingly wicked. So the Lord sent a man to prophesy against his idolatrous practices. If we look at this prophet's character carefully, I think we will observe something for our instruction.

In the first place, he was a true prophet of God, and was sent on an important mission, and manifested a great degree of boldness in delivering his message. The King did not receive the message kindly, but "he put forth his hand, and said, 'Lay hold of him.' And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him."

And the King answered and said unto the man of God, "Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again." And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before." 1 Kings 13:4-6.

This goes to show that he had love enough for his enemy to pray for him. He prayed the prayer of faith. He also refused to disobey the Lord when invited to eat with the king. He would not accept his invitation. Thus far we are impressed with him as a strong man of God, but he had a weak point, and "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link." He was snared into disobedience by the subtlety of a lying prophet, and his punishment was death.

We need wisdom also in dealing with other souls. "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

"The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." 2 Tim. 2:24-26.

We need wisdom to know how to behave ourselves in general, and especially in the house of God. David said, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." Paul in writing to Timothy said, "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly."

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God." 2 Tim. 2:4,5.

If one arrives at church before the regular service begins, the wise thing to do is to pray rather than to chat. And during the services, if the Holy Ghost gives a message, we should be quiet, not even shout but listen reverently until He ceases to speak or the interpretation is given.

Notice.

I expect to be in Bradford the 4th week of this month and on the 26th we desire a representative from every church in Bradford district, especially the ministers to be present. The occasion is a district meeting, for general instructions.

F. J. Lee.

Point, Texas.

Dear Evangel Reader:—Greeting in Jesus' Name: I thank God for victory, and

because He has brought me through so many hardships. I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and I am on the run for heaven.

Our church is progressing very nicely, although about half of the saints have moved away. We sure do need a shepherd here to look after this flock, as our former pastor has gone to Paris.

I want to request the saints to pray for me that I may receive my hearing. I am forty-nine years old and have been almost deaf nearly all of my life, but for the last three years I have become worse. I believe the Lord can heal me. I am depending wholly upon Him.

Would be glad to hear from any of the saints.

Your brother in Christ,
A. J. Griggs

Live Oak, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying me, and because He is our Physician. My husband was very low with pneumonia after having influenza, and every one thought he would never get up, but praise the dear Lord, He has raised him up and he is out in the work for Him.

He also healed my baby and myself. We were both very sick, but we had the saints to pray for us and anoint us with oil and we were immediately healed.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may receive the blessed Comforter.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. W. Phillips.

Report.

I was asked to go to Abbeville and Rhine, Ga. I arrived at Abbeville December 7th. We had services Sunday and Sunday night, and the good Lord was surely there. The power fell and the saints were made to rejoice.

Went to Rhine on Monday, and Tuesday night we had prayer meeting. On Saturday night the power fell in a wonderful way. A message was given in tongues and the interpretation was given. The message was Matt. 11:28-30.

In the last service which was Sunday night, the power fell and several saints were rejoicing when another message was given. I listened and I got a glimpse of Christ upon a rainbow and the message was Rev. 22:13, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

It is my desire to stay humble at the feet of Him who has done so much for me. I want to learn of Him.

Please pray for me as I go to my new field of labor.

Yours for lost souls,
E. M. Barnett.

Brookside, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am weak and unworthy but I want full salvation. I want to be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I want the anointing of God to pray carnally for me. Also pray that the Lord will heal me if it is His will. I am so tired of suffering. I have been in bed for fifteen years. About two years ago, two of God's children came and prayed for me and I was able to sit up on the side of the bed and walked some by having help, but I did two much and took a relapse. I know the Lord is my only hope.

I certainly love the Evangel. I am always anxious to read its contents and enjoy the wonderful sermons so much. I never heard but one Pentecostal sermon in my life and it filled my soul with rejoicing.

Please pray that my husband and son may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
E. Lollar.

NOTICES

To the Churches of God in the North Chattanooga District:

As I have the responsibility of overseeing this district again this year, I intend to do a better part than I did last year.

I would like to have a letter from the clerk of each church in this district telling me their wants concerning a pastor for this year. I believe I am going to be able to furnish each church with a pastor.

I am expecting to visit each church in the district soon, but I want to hear from each one before I start.

The churches in the above named district are North Chattanooga, East Chattanooga, Killy's Ferry, Whiteside, South Pittsburg, Jasper, Whitwell, Dunlap and Monteagle.

I D. Bain,
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To the Churches of God in the Wauchula district—Greeting:

We are glad to be on our field of labor. We enter into our work with our whole hearts, and we want to do our best for the cause of Christ. We truly want the cooperation of each church, and every member of each church.

It was within the bounds of this district that I first heard Pentecost, therefore I feel at home among you people, and it is my earnest desire to be a blessing to all.

I will visit the churches (D.V.) as follows: Wauchula, Jan. 18, 19, Pine Grove, Jan. 25, 26, Sebring, Feb. 1, 2, and Ba-senger, Feb. 8, 9. We also expect to arrange for a work at Avon Park, Crewsville and Lakeland.

We hope to meet the brothers and sisters on the above dates. Let the clerks of the above named churches be present with the church roll. If impossible for the clerk to be present, please send the church roll by some one.

I would like to get in touch with the preachers and workers who are expecting to labor in this district this year.

May we all put forth renewed efforts to make this the most prosperous year of our lives up to this time.

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Yours in His service,
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Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may live closer to the Lord.

Your sister,
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Keysville, Ga.

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I am glad that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord surely blessed us in our watch-night meeting. There was singing, shouting, talking in tongues and weeping. The Lord has been with us the past year, and we are expecting Him to be with us in a greater way this year.

Your unworthy brother,
Ed Johnson.

Warrior, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

It is with the greatest of joy I recall the statement made in the Evangel that I was doomed for hell. At last, praise God, He has saved me and sanctified me by His precious blood.

I want to thank all of God's children for the many prayers which they have prayed for me, and especially I want to thank Brother Tomlinson and family for their kindness to me while in Cleveland.

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